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SUBJECT: HANDLING OF INQUIRES RE CORONATION

1. NUMBER OF EMBASSIES HERE ARE SEEKING APPOINTMENTS
WITH AF/C TO DISCUSS CORONATION ESPECIALLY QUESTION OF
LEVEL AND COMPOSITION OF USG DELEGATION, INDICATING
THAT FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS ARE BEGINNING TO FOCUS
ON ISSUE OF HOW TO HANDLE CORONATION DOMESTICALLY AND
IN BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH CAE.

2. AF/C RECEIVED NEPALESE FIRST SECRETARY SINGHA
BAHADUR BASNYAT AT HIS REQUEST NOVEMBER 16. FRENCH AND
BELGIAN EMBASSY REPS COMING IN LATER THIS WEEK. AT
MEETING WITH BASNYAT WHO SAID HE KNOWS AMBASSADOR
QUAINTON FROM NEPAL AND SERVICE IN INDIA BASNYAT WISHED
TO KNOW DETAILS OF USG PLANNING FOR CORONATION
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PARTICIPATION IN ORDER TO PREPARE RESPONSE TO NEPAL
FOREIGN OFFICE REQUEST.

3. AF/C STATED THAT AMBASSADOR TO CAE

QUAINTON WILL REPRESENT THE USG AT CORONATION. WHEN ASKED
ABOUT LIKELIHOOD DECISION WILL BE RECONSIDERED WE

EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM.

4. BASNYAT WISHED TO KNOW EXTENT TO WHICH GOLDSMITH-RANDAL AFFAIR HAD INFLUENCED THE DECISION NOT TO SEND A SPECIAL WASHINGTON DELEGATION. WE REPLIED THAT TOTALITY OF OUR RELATIONS, AND NOT ANY SINGLE ELEMENT INCLUDING RECENT NEGATIVE DEVELOPMENTS COULD BE SAID TO HAVE BEEN DECISIVE IN DELEGATION DECISION. AF/C UNDERScoreD APPROPRIATENESS OF DESIGNATING AMBASSADOR QUANTON GIVEN CONFIDENCE WASHINGTON HAS IN HIM AND PERSONAL RAPPORT WHICH CHARACTERIZES RELATIONS BETWEEN THE AMBASSADOR AND BOKASSA.

5. QUESTIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL GIFT AND MESSAGE, DID NOT ARISE BUT HAD THEY WE WOULD HAVE TAKEN POSITION THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO COMMENT ON THESE IN VIEW OF PERSONAL ELEMENT INVOLVED.

6. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON GENERAL APPROACH WE ARE TAKING AND OFFER SUGGESTION IN HANDLING FUTURE REQUESTS.

7. FYI: ON SUBJECT OF DELEGATION CAE EMBASSY (MOKOLO) TELEPHONED NOVEMBER 16 TO TRANSMIT GOCAE REQUEST FOR LIST OF OFFICIAL USG QUOTE PRECISE DATES OF DEPARTURE, ARRIVAL, FLIGHT NUMBERS UNQUOTE TO ENABLE GOCAE TO CONFIDENTIAL

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PREPARE APPROPRIATE WELCOMING CEREMONY. BEFORE AF/C OFFICER WAS ABLE TO GIVE HIM ORAL RESPONSE, MOKOLO ASKED FOR FORMAL NOTE. THIS WILL BE TRANSMITTED TODAY TO CAE EMBASSY. VANCE

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